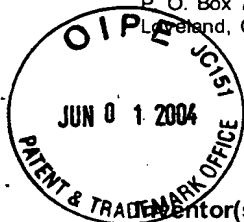


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Title: Solid-Phase Chemical Analysis Using Array Hybridization Facilitated By Agitation During Centrifuging

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

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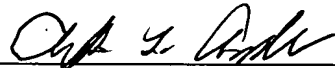
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Amendment B

Sir:

This amendment accompanies a request for continuing application in response the Final Office Action dated March 31, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, line 22, change "coverable" to --capable--.

Page 4, line 8, change "coverillary" to --capillary--.

Page 4, line 13, change "coverillary" to --capillary--.

Page 14, line 11, change "coverturing" to --capturing--.

Replacement paragraphs are included herewith in revision format for the changes to pages 1, 4, and 14.

Please amend the claims as indicated below.